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STORM CLEANUP CONTINUES

Medicine Hat – The City of Medicine Hat expects to have a plan of action by the end of the week for repairs to the Kinplex II arena roof damaged during the Aug. 10 storm.

The City is working with a contractor to assess the extent of the damage. High winds tore off about one-quarter of the Kinplex II arena's metal clad roof exposing insulation.

City crews have removed the damaged roofing and insulation and secured other building materials that could be exposed to the elements.

No one was in the Kinplex building when the roof damage occurred. The building will remain closed until further notice.

The Kinplex II arena ice surface was scheduled to open Sept. 4. If the Kinplex II arena repairs are not completed in time for the Sept. 4 opening, the City plans to open ice surfaces at the Kinplex I or Moose arena. There will be no impact to ice users.

The Kinplex arena roof was inspected in the spring as part of the City's annual roof maintenance program. The inspection did not find any deficiencies in the roof.

Friday's storm also caused some damage to the City's Parks system. A tree in the Flats area fell across a driveway and hit a fence and a tree was uprooted in Leinweber Park.

The Parks department was nearing completion of the cleanup from the last two storms so Friday's storm will compound the efforts.

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